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Tribal tax code generating needed revenue

CRIT juvenile justice efforts receive \$1.6 million boost in first year alone

The CRIT tax code enacted a year ago is already generating critical revenue to meet Tribal needs and improve the Tribal infrastructure.

The tax code has generated more than \$1.6 million in the past year, money which is currently earmarked for Tribal juvenile justice programs.

The funds help meet a critical Tribal need, because juvenile justice programs have traditionally been underfunded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and CRIT has been working to

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— Tribal Chairman Daniel Eddy, Jr.

build a new juvenile justice facility.

Juvenile justice has long been a problem for CRIT, and even to this day, juvenile offenders from the CRIT reservation are taken all the way to Globe for incarceration.

In the future, the revenue generated by the tax code will continue to be used for youth-

related programs and services.

"This revenue is important to CRIT in helping meet the needs of our people and create better futures for our young people," said Tribal Chairman Daniel Eddy, Jr.

"A large portion of the funds generated by the tax code comes from people from outside our community, so the tax code brings in a new revenue source that would otherwise be missed."

More than 500 businesses in the Parker area are currently in compliance with the CRIT tax

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CRIT children in need of new foster parents

Families needed to provide support, nurturing for youth during tough times

It's not an easy job. But the rewards are tremendous.

That's how Zoraya Diaz characterized the responsibility of being a foster parent to a 2-year-old Tribal girl.

"It's a very important role," Diaz said. "As a foster parent, you provide stability and consistency. A lot of the children come from homes where they were neglected, so stability is a big benefit to them."

CRIT currently has a tremendous need for foster parents. Not only are there a number of Tribal children who need supportive homes, but

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New facility to help with health



Doris Burns and Victoria Vequerra of the CRIT Diabetes Prevention Project will oversee the Tribes' new health and fitness facility, which opens to Tribal members in early June.

CRIT members are about to have a significant new resource available to them to improve their overall health and fight diabetes and other diseases.

The CRIT Diabetes Prevention Project is opening a new fitness facility in early June that will be open and free of charge to all Tribal members. At 6,600 square feet, it will be more than three times larger than the current CRIT fitness facility.

The new facility, a Tribal Council priority which was funded by a federal Health and Human Services grant for the Diabetes Program, is located on First Avenue between

the Bureau of Indian Affairs building and the CRIT Alcohol & Substance Abuse Program.

It will be the home of more than 40 different fitness stations including a variety of new fitness machines. There will be 24 strength training machines and 20 cardiovascular exercise machines, which is a significant increase from what was available at the old facility.

"This gives the community a greater opportunity to utilize the facility and work on obtaining a healthier lifestyle," said Doris

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Foster parents play key role in helping children

It is a truly unselfish act, and one that can make all the difference in the world to a child.

Becoming a foster parent is not easy. There are some background checks and due diligence required to become part of a foster parent program, such as the one CRIT administers.

Then, once a family is approved to become a foster family, the work really begins. Some children come from troubled pasts, including histories of drug use. Many have been through significant emotional trauma, and have a long way to go to recover from it.

But some are so young that they haven't been through such traumatic experiences, and just need a loving family to provide them with a happy home.

But foster parents can help children get their lives back to normal in ways that no one else can. Whether the family is related by blood to the foster child or have never had contact with the child before, they can step in and provide a sense of normalcy, and a positive environment for the children to help them readjust.

CRIT is in need of more foster families. Unfortunately, the tolls taken by drug use and economic hardship on the CRIT reservation and in the outside communities have left a void that needs to be filled.

The reward — helping save a child from abuse or neglect, and getting them back on a path to happiness and a productive, enjoyable life — is profound.

If you love children, and if you have the patience, time and means, becoming a foster parent is a great way to help a child. And it's also a great way to help our people become stronger.

Chief responds to *Pioneer* articles

Editor's note: In the past few weeks, the Parker Pioneer has run articles discussing law enforcement in the Parker area and documenting the complaints of some local residents. Those articles have had some factual inaccuracies. CRIT Police Chief Ken Schwab has prepared the following response to those articles.

The recent article in the Parker Pioneer reporting the concerns of three crime victims to the Parker city council was misleading and did not paint an accurate picture.

An investigation was conducted into the concerns of those victims. In one case there is no evidence from city, county or tribal police records and dispatch logs that the incident occurred as reported.

The other two cases involving a burglary of a home and a theft of a vehicle showed that the victims were given information which wrongfully pointed fingers at tribal members, when in fact there was no substantial evidence either direct or circumstantial that would reasonably conclude any tribal member committed the offenses.

In those two cases the crimes occurred in the Town of Parker. In both cases the Parker Police should have actively pursued the investigation.

I have spoken with the Parker Police and asked that they investigate those cases thoroughly and refrain from suggesting to the victims of crime that a tribal member was involved without a proper inquiry. I also ask that victims of crime who have concerns about any investigation involving a tribal member contact me to determine what can be done to assist them. It is the tribal police or federal government officials who will determine what

actions can be taken based on jurisdictional issues involving tribal members. The tribal police make some 1,000 arrests a year, incarcerating those prisoners in the La Paz county and tribal jails.

Last year we took 12,000 calls for service/police action. We are in the process of building a juvenile corrections center, when built will be the only such facility in the county. We currently spend nearly \$400,000 a year to house juvenile offenders. This doesn't include the funding being spent for treatment and other issues that some juveniles struggle with.

The larger issue in this matter is that victims of crime are looking for justice.

I know that the law enforcement community working the Parker area cares very much about victims and the safety of all citizens. There is no perfect law enforcement agency or officer and mistakes are made in some cases.

However these officers work hard to ensure that justice is carried out given the jurisdictional issues that arise from having city, county and state law enforcement agencies working in the middle of a reservation.

Recently, I witnessed the investigation of a fatal car accident in Parker where the B.I.A. and F.B.I., along with DPS officers, La Paz County Sheriff's personnel, CRIT officers and the Parker police worked together to get the job done for this community.

There will no doubt be miscommunications and issues that arise in the future but law enforcement agencies in this area have shown time and time again that they can work together given the legal complexities they are required to work under.

We want to hear from you! What's on your mind? Write us a letter!

The *Manataba Messenger* encourages letters to the editor. Share your thoughts on key issues and tell us about things the people of CRIT might find of interest. We will publish a maximum of 250 words; longer letters will be edited for length.

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You may also e-mail letters to feedback@critonline.com



Councilman testifies before Congress



Councilman Ray Aspa, Sr. testifies before the House Committee on Resources about Indian gaming regulation.

Aspa argues for sovereignty against improper regulation of Tribal gaming

CRIT is continuing its fight against improper regulation of Class III gaming by the Federal Government, with Councilman Ray Aspa, Sr. testifying before the House Committee on Resources in May.

Last year, CRIT won a key court victory over the National Indian Gaming Commission, a case stemming from an audit the NIGC did on the BlueWater Resort and Casino in 2002. The NIGC has appealed the ruling, in which a federal judge ruled in favor of CRIT concerning the NIGC's authority to audit Class III gaming.

CRIT claimed that the NIGC overstepped its authority and infringed on sovereignty in a 2001 audit, a view upheld by the federal courts. The case is now scheduled to go before the Court of

Appeals in Washington, D.C.

Additionally, legislation has been introduced in Congress that would increase the NIGC's authority over Class III gaming, a move which CRIT and other Tribes oppose. That legislation is currently under consideration. However, a compromise measure is being considered that would more clearly define the NIGC's regulatory role, while still preserving Tribal sovereignty.

The measure has gained the support of the National Indian Gaming Association and a number of Tribes nationwide. Additionally, Governor Janet Napolitano has echoed this position as well in a letter to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

Aspa went to Washington to state CRIT's case before Congress and argue for the compromise legislation. Excerpts from his testimony are printed below.

...CRIT has never taken the position that Class III gaming should not be regulated. Nor has CRIT ever denied that the MICS (Minimum Internal Control Standards, the guidelines the NIGC wishes to put in place) are not a valuable tool to ensure the integrity of our gaming operation. To the contrary, we believe they are essential. No one has a greater interest than we do in making sure that the games we offer are fair and honest, and that the public has confidence in that fairness and honesty.

For that reason, our tribal Gaming Code required internal control standards many years before the NIGC first promulgated its MICS. Our only argument with the NIGC these past five years has been over which government has the statutory authority to require and enforce those standards. The federal district court agreed with us that under the statute as it is now written, it is the tribes and the states – through their tribal-state compact – that have that authority. It is not the NIGC.

Class III gaming, certainly in our case, is strictly regulated. Our Tribal Gaming Office has a staff of over 30 employees and an annual budget of over \$1.2 million dollars. Moreover, our tribal-state compact with the State of Arizona is probably the most rigorous in the country. The state shares broad authority with our tribal regulatory agency, with what we frankly sometimes view as intrusive rights to monitor, certify, and inspect. Most

importantly in the context of this hearing, our compact with the State of Arizona has adopted the MICS as the baseline for the governing internal control standards in our casino.

Given this intense regulatory environment, a third, federal layer of direct regulation is unnecessary. It would also add an unnecessary layer of expense to an already costly regulatory scheme. In addition to the \$1.2 million we budget for tribal regulation, we also pay almost one-quarter of a million dollars annually to the state to cover the cost of the state's oversight responsibility under our compact.

Were the NIGC to assume direct responsibility for imposing and enforcing Class III MICS, its budget would explode, and the tribes would be the source of its funding. Strict regulation is necessary. Unnecessary regulation would divert funds that are desperately needed for the very purposes IGRA (the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act) was enacted – to fund vital tribal governmental programs, encourage self-government, and seed non-gaming economic development.

...We respectfully ask this Committee and Congress not to upset the balance so masterfully achieved eighteen years ago by giving the NIGC regulatory authority to directly impose and enforce Minimum Internal Control Standards on Class III tribal gaming activities.

Upcoming Events

Events coming to BlueWater Resort

- On June 3, the 29th Great Western Tube Float will come to Parker, sponsored by the BlueWater Resort & Casino in conjunction with the Parker Area Chamber of Commerce. Hundreds of tubes and riders will be floating down the Colorado River and landing at the beach at BlueWater.

This event is open to the public. For more information on this event, call the Parker Area Chamber of Commerce at (928) 669-2174.

- The BlueWater Resort & Casino celebrates its 7th anniversary on June 10 and 11.

On Saturday, June 10, get ready to "Take It Back to the 70s" as the "United We Funk All-Stars" perform, featuring member of Bar-Kays, ConFunkShun and The Dazz Band, at the Outdoor Amphitheatre. Gates open at 5 p.m. and the concert starts at 7 pm. Fireworks will follow the concert. Tickets are on sale in the Gift Shop for \$25 advance purchase and \$30 day of show.

On Sunday, June 11, beginning at 3 p.m., the BlueWater will serve complimentary hors d'oeuvres, and there will be a cutting of the commemorative cake at 5 p.m.

As part of the Anniversary celebration, the 7 & Out \$7,000 Blackjack Tournament will take place on Sunday, June 11, at 6 p.m. Two winners per drawing will spin the 7 & Out wheel and have a chance to win cash or prizes valued from \$70 to \$700 and qualify for the \$7,000 Blackjack Tournament.

The Poker/Card Room has a special anniversary bonus during the month of June as well. If a player gets four 7s in a live game, they win an additional \$100 bonus (both cards must play). See the Card Room for complete details. There will also be other promotions, VIP giveaways and a high stakes \$12,500 Bingo on Saturday, June 10.

For more information contact the Bingo Hall at (928) 669-7650.

- On Saturday, July 1, Rick Derringer will perform with special guest The Sam Morrison Band at the Outdoor Amphitheatre. Rick Derringer first gained popularity with the band The McCoy's, and their chart topping record "Hang On Sloopy," at 16 years of age in the summer of 1965.

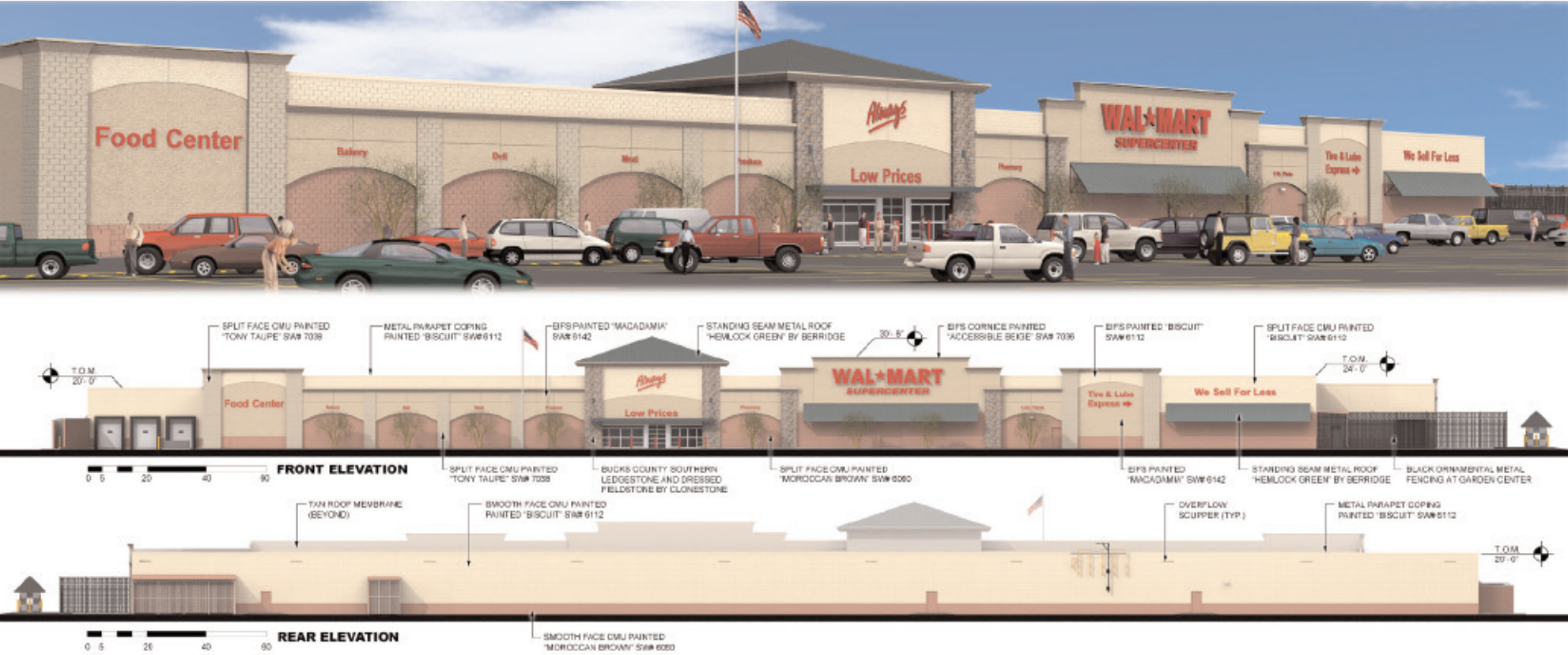
Immediately following of the demise of The McCoy's in 1969, Rick merged his talents with the blues rocker Johnny Winter, forming "Johnny Winter And" (the "And" referring to The McCoys). In 1973 Derringer had his first solo album, All American Boy, which included his rendition of the famous "Rock and Roll Hoochie Koo".

Gates open at 5 p.m. and the concert starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are on sale in the Gift Shop for \$20 in advance and \$25 day of show. The BlueWater Resort & Casino annual Fireworks Show will follow this concert.

Dig Lounge Schedule

- June 6-11 — Nathan Owens Band, a six-piece all male band playing funk, rhythm & blues, Motown and top 40 dance.

Wal-Mart shopping center architectural rendering done



Work on the Wal-Mart store and shopping center continues, with the most recent step being completion of architectural renderings.

The renderings are a key step along the way toward making the store a reality. The design of the Wal-Mart store itself will be consistent with other Wal-Mart stores in the Southwest.

Work is also continuing to finalize the lease agreement on the Wal-Mart property, which is located across from the Safeway Center on

Highway 95.

CRIT and Wal-Mart have also reached agreement on a site plan for the property. As proposed, the new store will be approximately 100,000 square feet and include groceries as well as general merchandise.

In addition to creating more shopping choices for area residents and tribal members, the economic impact and job creation from the shopping center for CRIT will be substantial.

The new Wal-Mart store will create an estimated 200 new jobs and up to \$400,000 per year in sales tax revenue for CRIT. The shopping center’s other stores and restaurants are also expected to have a positive economic impact on the Parker and CRIT communities.

The additional revenue will be used to fund and enhance tribal health care, elder services, public safety and other services provided by the Tribes.

Meth coalition continues work

Focus to be on education, conference on meth issues

The CRIT Methamphetamine Coalition continues to make progress in public education efforts against the use of the drug.

The Tribal Council passed a resolution on May 12 that formally recognized the coalition and approved its guidelines and practices. The mission statement of the group is “Creating awareness and action for a safe and substance-free Tribal community.”

“It’s important to know that we have the Tribal Council’s support as we move forward and work to educate the public on the dangers of meth use,” said Lola Wood, Deputy Attorney General.

The Tribal Council has made the fight against meth use an important priority over the past few years. The CRIT Methamphetamine Coalition is made up of representatives from a number of different Tribal agencies as well as interested members of the community.

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CRIT Deputy Attorney General

Wood said that its initial efforts will be focused around public education, including the creation of an informational booth on meth use that can be displayed in the Tribal offices, at Indian Health Services or at special events in the community. The group is also planning a one-day conference on the fight against meth use to take place later this summer.

Governor Janet Napolitano’s Office of Children, Youth & Families earlier this year awarded CRIT a \$20,000 “Phase I” grant to help Tribal efforts to combat meth use, including providing funding for education and planning for CRIT staff members whose jobs include fighting drug use.

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CRIT reimposes fire restrictions

Large portions of CRIT lands closed to public to help lower wildfire risk

For the second year in a row, the CRIT Tribal Council has voted to close significant portions of the CRIT reservation in an effort to reduce the risk of wildfires.

The closures include the following areas:

- The Mesquite Bosque at the Southern Reserve.
- The east side of Mohave Road, from the southern end of Kudu Farms to the southern boundary of the reservation.
- All undeveloped areas along the Colorado River, except for the Ahakhav Preserve.

The closures will not affect access to or enjoyment of the Blue Water Resort & Casino.

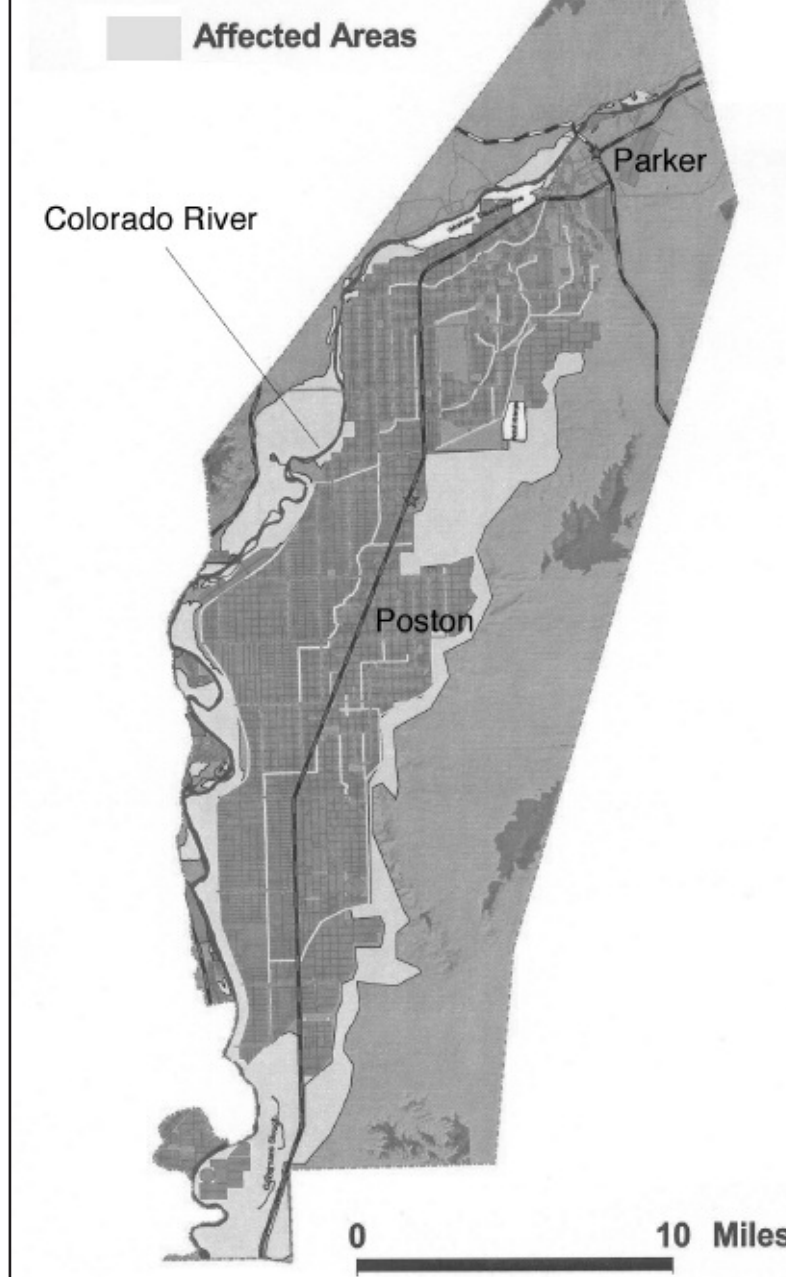
The closures include both the Arizona and California sides of the CRIT reservation. Individuals who have cattle in the closure areas and beekeepers with hives in these areas will be notified but allowed to keep their animals in place. Individuals with fishing and hunting permits for the closed areas will not be allowed in the areas, and will be cited and fined if caught trespassing. The only camping permits allowed will be for the 12-Mile Lake area of the reservation.

CRIT law enforcement personnel have closed roads and posted signs at entrances to the affected areas.

The closures come on the heels of a very dry winter. When the closures were put into place last year, they were designed to lower the wildfire risk created by an unusually wet winter.

The grasses and brush created by the wet

Areas Closed to Public Access



season last year created a high risk of fires last year, but the restrictions were helpful in minimizing that risk. However, much of the dead and dormant brush and grass remains from that wet season, necessitating further fire restrictions this year.

Parents reminded of truancy policy

On Page 10 of this issue, CRIT spotlights some of its best and brightest students, including those who have had perfect attendance at school this year. At the same time, CRIT would also like to remind parents about its truancy policy. The Tribal Council believes that school attendance is critical to the development of our youth, and it's the student's and the parents' responsibility to ensure daily attendance.

On February 11, 2005, the Tribal Council passed a resolution to adopt a Truancy Policy, exercising its responsibility for the education of its members by prescribing and implementing educational policies applicable to all institutions, schools, and programs operating on or near the CRIT Reservation to ensure both equity and opportunity.

The Tribes believe that attending school regularly is in the best interest of the child. Also, the Tribes recognize that every day a child misses school it is a personal loss to his or her educational future.

The Truancy Policy is as follows:

Student Absent or Truant

Upon five (5) unexcused absences, Parker Unified School District (PUSD) will send written notification to the parent(s)/child and send Truancy Complaint Forms to the CRIT Office of the Attorney General for children who are ages ten (10) years and under, and to the CRIT Prosecutor if the child is older than ten (10) years. The Attorney General's Office will forward the documents to Child Protective Services for children who are ages 10 and under. If the children are above ten (10) years old, then the Prosecutor will report the unexcused absences to CRIT Probation Department.

CRIT Child Protective Services/Probation shall investigate the report and send its findings to the Office of the Attorney General/Prosecutor within five (5) days. If sufficient evidence is found to file a petition, a petition will be attached to the findings.

The Office of the Attorney General and Prosecutor will provide a case evaluation indicating the acceptance or declination of the petition to file in Tribal Court against the student or parent. If approved, the CRIT Child Protective Services shall cite the parent(s) under the Child-In-Need-of-Care (CINC) section in the CRIT Domestic Relations Code. The CRIT Probation Department shall cite the child, being subject to compulsory school attendance, yet is habitually truant, pursuant to and in accordance with the CRIT Domestic Relations Code. The approved petition shall be filed in CRIT Tribal Court. The CRIT Tribal Court shall designate a weekly court schedule to address the truancy petitions filed as such.

An Advisory Hearing will be held and rights will be given and read. The parent(s) and/or child may elect or waive counsel pursuant to and consistent with the CRIT Domestic Relations Code. Parent(s) will be provided a written release of information to allow case status notification to the PUSD.

Parents/Child Admit

If the parent(s)/child admit to the charge then the Tribal Court allows the parent(s)/child thirty (30) days to comply by keeping the child in school with no unexcused absences. If the parent(s)/child do not follow the 30-day compliance, then the Office of the Attorney General/Prosecutor may file an Order to Show Cause against the parent(s)/child or both. PUSD must notify the Office of the Attorney General/Prosecutor if the child continues to have additional unexcused absences during that thirty day period.

In the event of non-compliance, Child Protective

Announcements

From Joanna Laffoon:

I would like to wish my grandson Jacoby "Naughty Nick" a "Belated Happy Birthday" on March 5th. Three years old. Love you.

Happy birthday wishes going out to:

Grandson Nathan Merritt Laffoon-Hoven, June 17th (4 years old)

Sister-in-law Nellie Laffoon, June 1st

Granddaughter K'Lee Janelle Yeahquo, July 5th (2 years old)

Sister Sharon Burton, July 15th

Niece Aileen Ameelyenah, July 1st

My boss, Ambrose Howard, July 4th

Also, I would like to wish my husband John a Happy 7th Wedding Anniversary June 17th.

I love you always — Bea.

Graduation Wishes, From "Auntie Moe"

Bobbie — Congratulations! With all the obstacles you had to deal with during your high school years, you proved to yourself you could do it. And girl you did it!!! And for this I am very proud of you...All our love, Auntie Moe, OLO and family.

Markita — Congratulations!! You did great girl and I am very proud of you. 100 percent proud of you. I love you and wish you all the luck in the world whatever the future may hold for you. All my love, Auntie Moe.

"Across the Miles"

I would like to wish my Dad Robert Cory Flood a very special Father's Day and want him to know that I love him very much and miss him. You are always in my heart "Daddy."

Love, Your "Bubble Eyes" Deaun Johnson

Interesting entries highlight June photo contest



Submit now, win in August

First place in the *Manataba Messenger* June photo contest goes to Flora Geionety for her photo of her grandson Tayln Manley on a swing (above). She will receive \$100.

Second place went to Tina Poolaw for her picture of daughter Misti at Sea World (top left). She will receive \$50. Third place went to Tony Keyoite for his photo of his grandson Adam (middle left). He will receive \$25.

The honorable mentions were particularly interesting. At bottom left is a photo by EmmaJean Lynn Squire of her son, Johnathon Richard Lopez, a 16-year-old sophomore at Sapulpa High School in Sapulpa, Oklahoma. The picture was taken at the Air Force Invitational Competition Color Guard.

At bottom middle is a photo of Joseph "Rick" Hough taken in April 2006 by his wife Cynthia. Rick Hough is currently in Lake Havasu Nursing Home recovering from a stroke he had in October 2003. Cynthia said she just wanted everyone to see how he is doing and know that they can visit him.

Other honorable mentions include Anita Flores' photo of grandson Mason Ray (opposite page, top left), Reyes Robledo's photo of Yasmine Robledo and turtle "Lucky 13" (opposite page, middle left), and Roshanda Robledo's photo of Nathan Carter, Tillman Welsh and herself from way back in 1991 (opposite page, middle right).

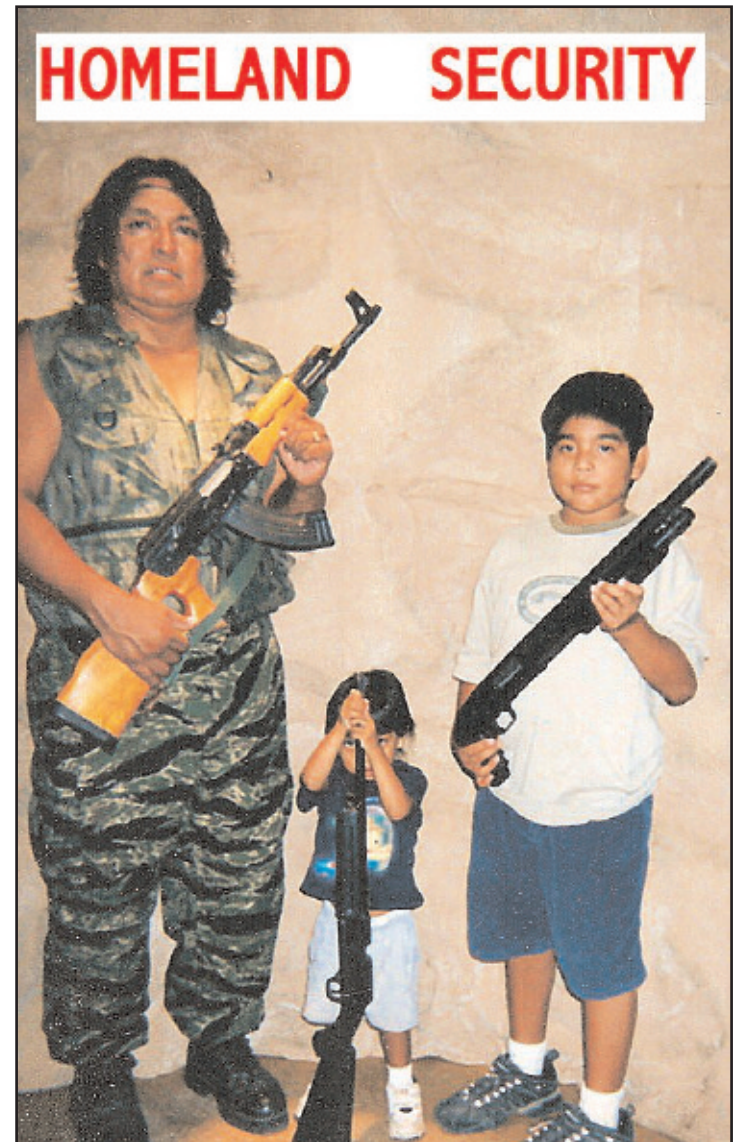
Joanna Laffoon submitted photos of her grandchildren, including one of Jacoby Yeaquo (opposite page, bottom left).

And Megan LaPlante submitted a photo of sheep grazing on Tribal lands (opposite page, bottom right).

Finally, on a different note, at top right on the opposite page is a submission from Charles Polacca called "Homeland Security," featuring Gary, Storm, and Taylor Polacca.

The deadline for submissions for the August 1 issue is July 15. You must be a tribal member, and no professional portraits are eligible. Send your picture to: *Manataba Messenger*, C/O Rose & Allyn, 7051 E. 5th Avenue Suite B, Scottsdale, AZ 85251. Or just e-mail the entry to feedback@critonline.com.





Progress on camp legislation

Bill could provide significant funding for Poston museum, boost CRIT Tribal tourism

A bill that could be the cornerstone of efforts to restore the Poston Internment Camp and create a museum on the site continues to make its way through Congress.

H.R. 1492, which would provide significant federal funding for the restoration of Japanese internment camps nationwide, passed through the U.S. House of Representatives late last year. In late May, another version of the bill passed a vote of the Senate Energy and National Resources Committee.

The bill would create a grant application process for a pool of federal funds, with eligibility dependent upon the ability to match the federal funds from other sources, whether that is state, local, tribal or non-profit funds.

A new non-profit corporation called the Poston Community Alliance, formed by those interested in preserving and improving the camp, will seek private funding to build the museum. Having non-profit status will allow interested foundations and individuals the

ability to contribute tax-deductible donations. Backers of the effort believe that a restored Poston Internment Camp and the opening of a museum could make the site one of CRIT’s most significant tourist attractions and provide a boost to the Tribal economy.

“The legacy of Japanese American internment is important to document and preserve,” said Jay Cravath of the CRIT Education Department, who also serves on the Poston Community Alliance. “For the Tribes and La Paz county, it will help us build a museum that can become an important tourist destination. Not just an economic asset to the area, we will be able to tell powerful stories of the Tribes’ history, as well as the internees.”

The bill is now slated for a vote of the full Senate in August. In the meantime, the House will have to approve the version of the bill voted on by the Energy and Natural Resources Committee. The Bush administration has not indicated support for the bill, so that will be a focus as well.

For more information, visit the Poston Community Alliance web site, located at www.postonproject.org.

EPO works with pesticides, lead

Programs boost safety in home and farming areas

The CRIT Environmental Protection Office is currently focusing on two efforts to improve environmental safety on the reservation.

The first is a pesticide program designed to promote the safety of farm workers and protect local water supplies and resources from pollution.

The office is working to educate local farmers on the dangers of pesticide exposure and how to dispose of pesticides properly. Heat also has an effect on pesticides.

“We want to raise awareness with growers and workers that standards of safety should be followed,” said Diana DeLeon, Director of the CRIT EPO.

The effort coincides with the 30-year anniversary of CRIT’s pesticide ordinance, and DeLeon said the increased enforcement shows that the ordinance is working.

Also, CRIT is currently working on the development of

new water quality standards for the reservation.

The EPO is also continuing its work on a lead testing program.

The program is a two-year effort that is trying to locate where lead-based paints may have been used on the CRIT reservation. Lead can cause a variety of different health problems, especially for young children.

This month, CRIT is launching lead testing of homes that meet certain criteria. The home must have been built in 1978 or earlier, and have a child who is a Tribal member as a resident. Also, homes with miniblinds made before 1986 may be eligible.

Homeowners who have their homes tested are eligible for a \$25 incentive.

“We’re trying to do as much outreach as we can on this front, and we now have a long list of homes we want to check,” DeLeon said.

For more information on these programs, call CRIT EPO at (928) 662-4336.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Proposed Area of Potential Effects for US Filter Westates Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

US Filter Westates is a hazardous waste treatment facility on the Colorado River Indian Reservation near Parker, Arizona. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is in the process of making a permit decision at Westates.

As part of the permit decision, EPA must comply with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). In compliance with the NHPA, EPA is proposing an Area of Potential Effects for our permit decision at Westates. We are asking the public for comments on this proposal.

This proposed Area of Potential Effects replaces a larger Area that EPA proposed in December 2003. The current proposed Area of Potential Effects is a circle with a 1-mile radius around Westates, and was recommended to EPA by the Colorado River Indian Tribes.

The proposed Area of Potential Effects is one of the first steps in EPA’s evaluation under Section 106 of the NHPA. Comments from the public will help EPA make our final determination on the Area of Potential Effects.

EPA must identify any historic properties within the Area of Potential Effects that may be affected by operations at Westates. The term “historic properties” includes properties of traditional religious and cultural importance to an Indian Tribe. Effects from Westates may include noise, visual effects, and air emissions containing hazardous constituents. Under the NHPA, EPA must then take possible adverse effects to historic properties into consideration.

The map to the right shows the proposed Area of Potential Effects. EPA is making this proposal after consultation with the Colorado River Indian Tribes, the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office, the Town of Parker, and US Filter Westates.

We are interested in hearing your comments on the proposed Area of Potential Effects.

If you have comments on the boundaries of the Area of Potential Effects, please let EPA know within 45 days of this public notice. Also, you may comment at any time during the process to advise us of any historic properties within the Area of Potential Effects.

To comment, you may write, email, or call Karen Scheuermann at:

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US EPA Region 9 (WST-4)
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San Francisco, CA 94105

scheuermann.karen@epa.gov

phone: (415) 972-3356

Or you may leave a message on EPA’s toll-free number (800) 231-3075 and we will return your call.

In the future, EPA will publish separate public notices regarding other EPA actions at Westates, such as the draft permit decision.



A detailed map and additional documents regarding the steps leading up to this proposal are available at the Parker Public Library and the Colorado River Indian Tribes Library. You may also find information about Westates and the National Historic Preservation Act at these libraries.

US Filter Westates has recently changed its name to US Filter lonpure. Future public notices by EPA will use the new name.

Tribal member, family enjoy life in isolated part of Peru

Editor's Note: The Manataba Messenger learned about Tribal member Missy Aspa Saune and her family, who are living in Peru, when she submitted a photo for the photo contest. We thought it would be interesting to hear about life in that part of the world, so here's what Missy had to say:

I have been in Peru now for almost 11 years. My husband, Joshua and I moved down here in 1995. We are missionaries working among the indigenous peoples throughout Peru; however we work mainly with the Quechua people.

We provide Pastoral/Leadership Biblical instruction, Evangelism, social outreach in schools, medical help, etc.

My husband is originally from Ayacucho, Peru — where we currently live. Ayacucho is situated at approximately 10,000 ft. above sea level. We have four children, Noconi (our son, 15), Zoyla (daughter, 11), Sheyava (daughter, 8) and Athalia (daughter, 5), who are all trilingual — English, Spanish and Quechua. The children are all Tribal members.

I, too, knowing only Spanish slang that we all learn growing up, have learned Spanish and Quechua. We are members of a church in Phoenix, Northwest Community Church. While in Parker, we attended Poston Baptist Church.

Life in Ayacucho...I love it. I always say it is pretty much like Arizona, in that Ayacucho is hot and dry...however, not nearly as hot as the Arizona heat!

We live within the city limits, but we work mainly outside of the city...something like 3-10 hours out of the city, depending on which area we are visiting.

Naturally, since we work in rural areas, we do a lot of traveling, on long, winding and very bumpy roads. Our roads literally go up and around the Andes, which is amazing.

Outside of the city, the people only speak the Quechua language. They are very gentle and caring people, offering anything and everything they have, which isn't much. They may not have electricity, running water or phones — yet they are a very tight and industrious people, who live by three basic 'laws': ama sua, ama quella, ama llulla = don't steal, don't lie, don't be lazy.

It is humbling to receive gifts of potatoes, corn, grains and livestock, when you can see first-hand how hard it is for them to farm and raise their animals.

My husband's mother tongue is Quechua; therefore, it has made it very easy for us to be among these people. I mean, since he speaks the language (and the children and I have learned), it is easier for us to minister to them.



(Above) Tribal member Missy Aspa Saune (top middle) lives in Peru with husband Joshua (top right) and children Noconi (top left, 15 years old), Zoyla (bottom left, 11), Sheyava (bottom right, 8) and Athalia (bottom middle, 5). (Right) Missy Aspa Saune at Machu Picchu, Cuzco-Peru.

Our ministry focus is to strengthen and better equip the indigenous churches. This is done through Biblical trainings, seminars and conferences. It doesn't end there, we also have follow up visits to all our sessions, providing additional help to the pastors in their communities.

As a demonstration of our love and care for others, we also aid churches and communities with medical and school needs. In order to do this, we invite doctors, nurses and teachers who want to share of their time to provide medical clinics or teaching seminars for the native teachers.

I think I rambled...I can't help it...a bad habit of mine...but that's me, someone born and raised in Parker... now living what seems like a planet away from my homeland and family.



TRUANCY,

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Services/Probation will provide written notification of the non-compliance and shall make recommendations for the following sanctions as to be determined by the Judge of the Tribal Court.

- Have the parent(s) attend school with the child
- Order parent(s)/child to do Community Service
- Assess a monetary fine, not to exceed \$150.00
- Order the parent(s) to attend Parenting Classes
- Order any additional services, reasonably believed to be necessary, including adherence to the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Education Committee, appointed by Tribal

Council.

- Impose the Court's contempt power and Order the parent(s) to be incarcerated

*CRIT Child Protective Services/Probation will confirm parental compliance. Upon compliance with the Court's Orders the case will be closed. If there is noncompliance of an Order then the Court will reassess the sanctions and order new consequences and terms. CRIT Child Protective Services/Probation will confirm compliance. Upon compliance the case will be closed.

Parents/Child Deny

If the parent(s)/child deny the charge then Mediation may be scheduled at the discretion of the Tribal Court Judge. If no mediation occurs then an Adjudication Hearing will be set within thirty (30) days. At the Adjudication

Hearing, if the facts are determined to not be true, the petition will be dismissed.

At the Adjudication Hearing, if the facts alleged in the petition are determined to be true, the child shall become a ward of the court and released to the parent(s).

At the conclusion of the Adjudication Hearing or within ten (10) days, CRIT Child Protective Services/Probation will present a Dispositional Report. Sanctions will be imposed by the Court. Child Protective Services and Probation will monitor parent and/or child.

A Review Hearing shall be set within thirty (30) days to confirm compliance with the terms of the Order. If compliance is satisfactory then the case will be closed. However, if compliance is unsatisfactory, then sanctions will be imposed and another Review Hearing will be set to determine compliance.

Education’s 25th Annual Banquet, awards a success

A quarter-century tradition of honoring academic achievement continued on May 26 at the 25th Annual Education Banquet, held at the BlueWater Resort & Casino.

Among the featured speakers was Dr. David Beaulieu, President of the National Indian Education Association.

Vincent Craig, a comedian, also performed. Guest speakers included Dr. Michael Tsosie and Dr. Diana DeLeon.

Education Director and Tribal Councilman Dennis Patch received a special award for his 25 years of service to the Education Department and to the Tribes. The honorees are listed in the box on the right.

Shakespeare’s Twelfth Night coming to CRIT

The CRIT Education Department will partner with the Arizona Theatre Company to bring Shakespeare to Parker.

A grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities will offer Native American students from the Parker School District the opportunity to travel to Phoenix to attend a production of Shakespeare’s comedy, *The Twelfth Night*. The workshops and performance will take place in October.

In conjunction with the actual performance, Arizona Theatre Company will come to Parker to present a workshop on the play that will teach the students about the language of Shakespeare, including an analysis of a *Twelfth Night* soliloquy (a speech by a character in a style as if they were thinking out loud).

The company will then help the students to stage a scene from *Twelfth Night*. This will increase understanding of the material presented in the performance.

Following the performance, ATC will visit Parker again to hold a post-show discussion that asks the students to compare and analyze their scenes to the production they saw in Phoenix.

In addition to these workshops, an informative play guide will be distributed free of charge to all teachers.

It will include a special section specific to the Shakespeare workshops. This program will be offered to Tribal and other Native high school students as well.

For further information, contact the Education Department at (928) 669-8831.

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Graduates, Perfect Attendance & Honor Roll

Perfect Attendance

Tianna Robledo, Blake Primary School
Narcisse McCowan, Wallace Elementary School
Carrigan McCowan, Wallace Elementary School
Lisa Cook, Wallace Junior High School
Silvia Mariscal, Wallace Junior High School
Michael Moses, Wallace Junior High School
Danny Patch, Wallace Junior High School
Vance Swick, Wallace Junior High School
Angelina Flores, Le Pera Elementary School
Lorena Flores, Le Pera Elementary School
Sterling Welch, Le Pera Elementary School

Honor Roll

Jennifer Carter, Wallace Elementary School
Andrea Castro, Wallace Elementary School
Talia Chavez, Wallace Elementary School
Bow Evanston, Wallace Elementary School
Jordan Harper, Wallace Elementary School
Shawni Laffoon, Wallace Elementary School
Vanessa Olivares, Wallace Elementary School
Mia Sanchez, Wallace Elementary School
Brandi Scott, Wallace Elementary School
Jamie Chavez, Wallace Junior High School
Lisa Cook, Wallace Junior High School
Mariqua Booth, Le Pera Elementary School
Cameron Booth, Le Pera Elementary School
Isiah Eswonia, Le Pera Elementary School
Haily Heanes, Le Pera Elementary School
Jamil Gary, Le Pera Elementary School

Principal’s Honor Roll

Alayna Amador, Wallace Elementary School
Taylor Gonzalez, Wallace Elementary School
Ashley Harper, Wallace Elementary School
Andrea Harper, Wallace Junior High School
Braxton Booth, Le Pera Elementary School
Billy Escoto, Le Pera Elementary School

High School Graduates (Parker unless noted)

Ernsetine Ameelyenah
Jacquelyn Bloxham
Dominique Bonilla
Erisa Deysie
Denise Eswonia
Renee Fisher
Stephen Flores
Tanya Harper
Kara Humeumptewa
Lorena Jimenez
Kelly McCabe (Highland High School)
Lindsey McCabe
Talisa Miller
Andrea Mitchell
Justin Moore
Terrance Moses
Cherelle Rosales (Gallup High School)
Orlando Short
Phillip Silva
Irene Soliz
Marcella Van Fleet

GED Graduates

Jolene Ameelyenah	Garrett Arnold
Shaylyn Bedell	Kristy Flood
Jenni Patch	Christopher Sharp
Trista Short	Patricia Silva
Deona Smith	

College/Trade School Graduates

Dushane Hough, The Refrigeration School
Associate of Occupational Studies
Mechanical Maintenance Engineering

Colleen Olsen, Arizona State University
Bachelor of Arts — History

Jerusha Webster, Utah Valley State College
Associate of Science — Hospitality Management

Benny Polacca, Arizona State University
Bachelor of Arts — English

Monte Stevens, Universal Technical Institute
Associate of Occupational Studies
Diesel & Industrial Technology

Danielle Redhouse, Pima Medical Institute
Certificate — Nursing Assistant

Martha Webster, Utah State University
Master of Science —Psychology

April Aspa, Charles of Italy Beauty College
Certificate — Cosmetology

Martha Fisher, Purdue University
Associate of Science — Nursing

Clorinda Drennan, Int. Institute of Americas
Diploma — Medical Office Assistant

Monique Booth, Apollo College
Certificate — Medical Assistant

Candida Duckey, Int. Institute of Americas
Associate of Arts
Business Operations/Accounting

Robin Ruiz, Scottsdale Community College
Associate of Arts — General Studies

Amelia Florea, Northern Arizona University
Bachelor of Arts — Education

Regino Ameelyenah, AZ Automotive Institute
Associate of Occupational Studies
Automotive/Autotronics Technology

Ombudsman Charter School Graduates

Caryn Scott	Frank Ray
Sabrina Robledo	Andren Fisher
Justin Booth	Richard Flores
Kateri Gilchrist	Samantha Stanley
Tina Short	Robin Anderson
Alyssa Carter	Noah Charles
Latonya Short	

Congratulations & Best Wishes from CRIT!

Publication to provide tips on learning Mohave language

Editor's Note: This feature was provided by the CRIT Museum, which is about to release a publication called Mohave Language Notes in July. These segments are the introduction to the publication. The publication was written to help Mohaves learn or re-learn their native language.

The Mohave language is at the heart of what sets this tribe apart from others. Our language embodies our identity as a unique and separate people from the very beginning of our creation. Within the language are the cultural values that regulate our individual and group behavior.

The language holds the key to our beliefs as a people through time and the experience of our history. The language is a road map to our thinking, which is what has saved us from invasion, theft and colonialism.

More importantly, the Mohave language serves as a way to communicate with one another, and in some cases to the exclusion of the non-Mohave. Our sovereignty as a nation is dependent upon the daily use of the Mohave language for all of these reasons...

Given the critical importance of the Mohave language, why is it not spoken as often as it was in the past? A good question that has a very complicated answer.

Television, radio, technology, mixed marriages, epidemics, boarding schools, Mohave elders, and selfishness all played a part in the decline of the Mohave language.

Perhaps the biggest reason for the decline is that English is the primary economic language required to participate in the world economy today. As a result, English supplanted the use of Mohave in everyday life because English was and is necessary to have a job, earn money, pay bills, and in general be successful in the economy of the United States.

Tribes and nations around the world are facing a similar displacement of their own languages in relation to English language domination through economic ties. Our economic success as a tribe has come at a price that we are seeing and paying for just now.

Is the death of the Mohave language inevitable and irreversible? Absolutely not!...The first step in putting new life into our Mohave language is to change the thinking. The Mohave language is not dead and it will not be dead unless we let it die.

The second step in giving life support to the



The Navajo dance group At'eed Yazhi performs at the CRIT Museum 40th Anniversary event in April.

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language is to put it to use in our daily life. In order to do this, most of us need a little help.

Not everyone is fortunate enough to have a Mohave speaker in the home or in the family today. Consequently, we have to use the information and tools available to us at this time in order for people to be able to learn something now. Every day without Mohave language means there will be fewer and fewer people who will be able to learn and speak it in the future...

The following (the *Mohave Notes* publication) is a tool that was hidden away in the museum that is now being brought forward and put out there in the community so that we can begin to bring back the use of Mohave...What we have done here is to convey to those interested a written

form of Mohave that can be used by anyone in order to learn on your own.

40th Anniversary event a success

Dozens of Tribal members and people from the community attended the CRIT Museum's 40th Anniversary on April 28.

The event was a celebration of the CRIT Museum's rich history of enhancing and preserving Tribal culture, language and art.

The museum was opened in 1966 in its current location, as part of the construction of the larger Tribal government complex. Herman Laffoon, Sr. was Tribal Chairman at the time.

Dr. & Mrs. Hatch and a community group were primarily responsible for the start up of the Museum and the adjoining CRIT Library. It is one of the oldest facilities of its kind in the country, and is also completely funded by Tribal revenue, rather than grants or other means.

For more information on CRIT Museum, call (928) 669-1272.

FOSTER PARENTS,

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there's also a need for CRIT families — who can best relate to young Tribal children — to serve as foster parents as well.

"If a parent is unwilling or unable to properly care for a child, the Tribes first try to place the child with extended family," said Lola Wood, CRIT Deputy Attorney General. "If this option is not available, the Tribes look next to other Indian families in the community.

"A definite need exists for more Tribal families to take in Tribal children while their parents re-prioritize their lives," Wood said.

There are two different ways that CRIT families can become foster parents. The first is

through the formal CRIT process, which is a purposefully multi-stepped process that includes background checks.

The other process is what's called kinship placement, which is placing the child with family members. There are fewer obstacles in this process because the preference is to place children with family members.

But despite the process, Diaz said that being a foster parent is an incredibly rewarding experience.

Diaz and her family have been foster parents for about 2 1/2 years.

"My mother in law was a foster parent, and I've had other family members who were foster parents as well," Diaz said. "She convinced me that we would be a good candidate, and I knew the Tribes had a need for foster parents."

Originally, she said she only planned on being a foster parent for children for limited stretches of time, but the family quickly fell in love with the child and have been her foster parents ever since.

"It's not a rewarding job as far as financially, but you know you make a difference and offer something positive," Diaz said. "If you can do it, opening your heart and your home is the most rewarding part."

She said that the key to being a good foster parent is having a lot of strength and patience.

"You have to have a big heart and be strong, for your family and for the new kids who come into your family."

If you would like more information about being a foster parent, please call Carolyn DeLeon at (928) 669-6093.

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REVENUE: Tribal tax code helps fund youth services

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code, which is similar to the tax codes implemented by tribes and municipalities across Arizona and around the country.
The first-year revenue will cover CRIT's portion of the costs of constructing a new juvenile justice facility on the CRIT reservation. CRIT has also received an Indian Community Development Block Grant from the federal Department of Housing & Urban Development to finance construction of the facility.

CRIT is preparing to put out a Request for Proposal for the construction of the new juvenile facility, with the goal of having it completed as soon as possible so that juvenile offenders on the CRIT reservation do not have to be sent away.
In the future, the Tribal Council hopes to earmark funds from the tax code for construction of a children's shelter on the CRIT reservation, as well as other youth-related programs and facilities. CRIT has already submitted a 2006 Indian Community Development Block Grant for a shelter.

FITNESS,

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Burns, Manager of the CRIT Diabetes Prevention Program. "People couldn't exercise when they wanted to because we didn't have enough machines before. Now we have a better selection of exercise machines to choose from."
The cardio stations include such modern

equipment as elliptical training machines, treadmills, stationary bikes and stair machines.
The facility also includes a multipurpose room for exercise and health classes, as well as a full demonstration kitchen to teach CRIT members how to prepare healthier meals. It also has locker rooms for Tribal members to use when exercising.
The center's target grand opening date is June 8. For more information, call the Diabetes Prevention Project at (928) 669-8090.

EVENTS,

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- June 13-18 — Suite 33, a high-energy variety dance band featuring top 40, classic rock, 50s and 60s and dance music.
- June 20-25 — American Made, with a female fronting a four-piece band playing a full variety of dance music from the 50s and 60s, disco, country, top 40 and oldies.
- June 27-July 2 — Pilot, with a female fronting a three-piece band playing rhythm & blues from the 50s and 60s, top 40 dance, classic rock, old school and disco.
- July 4-9 — DNA, a variety dance band playing rhythm & blues, Motown, top 40 dance and classic rock.

- July 11-July 16 — Swift Kick, a female fronting a three-piece band specializing in current dance music along with selections from the 50s through 90s.
 - July 18-23 — Suite 33.
 - July 25-30 — Fast Forward, a four-piece band from Southern California playing classic dance tunes, 50s and 60s, disco, modern rock and alternative.
- The Dig Lounge bands play six days a week every week, from Tuesday through Sunday. The bands' hours are from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday and 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights.
Every Monday night in the Dig Lounge is Karaoke night with Billy Joe Preston from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.



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